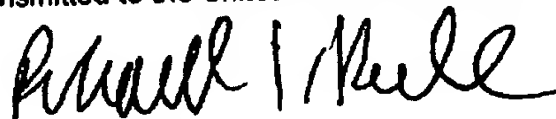


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 3, 2005. Attached is a request for a three month extension of time to extend the deadline for response to August 3, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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